Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to have their stations air an anti-Kerry piece just days before the election is a dangerous manifestation of media consolidation.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large corporations control the airwaves, their primary concern is not public interest, but their own profit. Americans need to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter, not news from a central controlling point.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you. Esther Lerman